

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004.

Claims 1 to 28 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 8, 10, 17, 19, 24-25, and 28 were amended, and claims 2-4, 11-13, and 20-22 were canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 5-10, 14-19, 22-28 remain pending.

The Specification has been amended to correct typographical errors, as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 1, 8, 10, 12, 19, 24 and 28 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to overcome claim objections. The exception being that the Examiner's suggestion to change "i" to "ii" was not incorporated because it does not fit into the numbering scheme of the claims. For example claim 5 recites a sub-step to step (b) of claim 1, and therefore refers to this substep as step (i). Similarly, claim 6 recites a sub-step to step (a) of claim 1, and therefore refers to this substep as step (i). Claim 7 recites a second sub-step to step (a), and therefore refers to the step as step (ii).

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(g) for improper margins. Pursuant to MPEP §608.02(p), corrected FIGS. 4-7 labeled as "replacement sheets" in the top margins are also enclosed. FIG. 5 has also been amended to include reference 504, as referred to in the specification. It is submitted no new matter has been introduced in the specification.

The Examiner's indication that claims 4, 13, 22, and 24-25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim is acknowledged and appreciated.

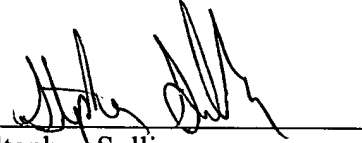
Accordingly, the limitations of canceled claims 2-4 have been incorporated into amended claim 1, the limitations of canceled claims 11-13 have been incorporated into amended claim 10, and the limitations of cancer claims 20-22 have been incorporated into amended claim 19. Claims 3, 5, 19, and 21 were amended to correct claim dependencies.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition

for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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